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FOR CAB (CHESEN AND JOSEPH STOUT)

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - STUDENT CHARTERS

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS URGENTLY BACKGROUND ON CURRENT CAB REGS RE STUDENT CHARTERS AND RECENT ABUSES THEREOF. INFO NEEDED FOR DEC. 5 MEETING REQUESTED BY REPS OF TIA AND COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE ON PROBLEMS THEY CLAIM TO BE ENCOUNTERING WITH SGAC RE STUDENT CHARTERS.

2. TIA REP IN COMPANY WITH LOCAL REP OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF STUDENT EXCHANGE HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH RCAA MORNING OF DEC. 5 TO DISCUSS DIFFICULTIES THEY CLAIM TO BE ENCOUNTERING WITH SGAC RE AUTHORIZATION OF STUDENT CHARTER FLIGHTS. TIA REP CONTENDS THAT VAGARIES OF SGAC POLICY IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN SOURCE OF CONCERN TO BOTH TIA AND COUNCIL, WITH RESULT THAT TIA HAS SUGGESTED SGAC PATTERN ITS POLICIES AFTER THOSE OF CAB SO THAT HENCEFORTH THERE WOULD BE "NO PROBLEM".

3. WE RECALL THAT IN TALKS WHICH STOUT AND ALTERMAN OF CAB BUREAU OF ENFORCEMENT HAD HERE RECENTLY WITH SGAC, HOWEVER, ESPEROU TOOK INITIATIVE RAISE THIS QUESTION OF STUDENT FLIGHTS WITH US AND SPECIFICALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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SINGLED OUT COUNCIL FOR CRITICISM. ESPEROU CITED

FOLLOWING AMONG COMMON ABUSES BY COUNCIL ON FLIGHTS
IT ORGANIZED FROM FRANCE:

- A) DIFFERENT PASSENGER LISTS FOR OUTBOUND AS COMPARED
TO INBOUND LEGS OF CHARTERS, EVEN ALLOWING SMALL
MARGIN FOR SUBSTITUTIONS;
- B) CO-MINGLING OF STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES
AND EVEN FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES;
- C) PROBLEMS OF PROVING PASSENGERS ARE BONA FIDE
"STUDENTS";
- D) COUNCIL RESISTANCE TO ADVANCE BOOKING ON GROUNDS
STUDENTS WOULD NOT ACCEPT; AND
- E) SALE IN AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICES AND THROUGH
OTHER NORMAL COMMERCIAL CHANNELS OF TICKETS ON COUNCIL-
ORGANIZED "STUDENT" FLIGHTS.

RCAA'S NOTES ON MEETING INDICATE CAB REPS RESPONDED
TO ESPEROU THAT IN US STUDENTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM
SIX MONTH RULE FOR AFFINITY CHARTERS. HOWEVER,
STUDENT GROUPS HAD TO BE FROM THE SAME SCHOOL OR
UNIVERSITY, AND COMPOSITION OF GROUP HAD TO BE THE
SAME ON INBOUND AS WELL AS OUTBOUND LEG IF AUTHORIZA-
TION WAS NOT FOR ONE-WAY CHARTER. CAB REPS NOTED
SATURN HAD BEEN SUED BECAUSE OF INTER-MINGLING IN
VIOLATION OF CAB RULES IN TRAFFIC INVOLVING
COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE BY OPENING
OF BUSINESS DEC. 5 (A) BRIEF SUMMARY OF CURRENT
CAB REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO STUDENT CHARTERS
OF KIND OPERATED BY COUNCIL, AS WELL AS (B)
IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC ABUSE OF THESE REGULA-
TIONS THAT HAS TRIGGERED CAB ENFORCEMENT ACTION
IN PAST. SPECIFICALLY, WHAT ARE LIMITATIONS
ON ONE-WAY CHARTERS AND ON CO-MINGLING OF GROUPS
ON SAME AIRCRAFT?
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